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RURAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT

G.O. No. 923, 22nd July 1953

Harijan Welfare—Education—Subsidized hostels—Tightening up the control—
Proposals of the Director of Harijan Welfare—Orders passed.

READ—the following papers:—

G.O. Ms. No. 417, Firka Development, dated 11th May 1950.
From the Director of Harijan Welfare, letter, No. D1. 3548/51.
dated 18th August 1952.

Order—No. 923, R.W., dated 22nd July 1953.

The Government have been considering for some time past the question of tightening up the control over the hostels subsidized by the Harijan Welfare Department in order to improve the tone of administration of these hostels. The Director of Harijan Welfare has in that connexion submitted the following proposals for the consideration of the Government. The Government have carefully considered the proposals and pass the following orders:—

Proposal (1).—That jeeps or land rovers may be placed at the disposal of the District Welfare Officers to enable them to inspect the hostels frequently and that the jurisdiction of the Deputy Director of Harijan Welfare (Headquarters) should be modified and that both the Deputy Directors should be required to tour in the districts in their jurisdiction for a minimum of 15 to 20 days in a month.

The attention of the Director of Harijan Welfare is invited to G.O. Ms. No. 707, Rural Welfare, dated 27th May 1953, wherein the question of supplying of jeeps to District Welfare Officers was deferred. Regarding the proposal for the redistribution of jurisdiction of the Deputy Director (Headquarters), his attention is invited to G.O. Ms. No. 1177, Rural Welfare, dated 27th October 1952. He is requested to report whether the Deputy Directors of Harijan Welfare have been touring for the minimum number of days every month as required.

Proposal (2).—That in the interest of efficient administration, appointments of the District Welfare Officers should be made in consultation with the Director of Harijan Welfare.

The attention of the Director of Harijan Welfare is invited to G.O. Ms. No. 555, Revenue, dated 25th February 1953.

Proposal (3).—That hostels run on unsatisfactory lines should be eliminated ruthlessly, care being taken to see that the boarders do not suffer on that account but are admitted into other hostels which are working satisfactorily in the same place or in other hostels started under new management.

The attention of the Director of Harijan Welfare is invited to rule 27 of the Rules for recognition and management of Harijan hostels subsidized by Government and he is informed that even now he is empowered to cancel the recognition of any hostel working unsatisfactorily.

Proposal (4).—That no new hostels should be recognized in places where there are hostels already in existence and that where there are a number of hostels in a place, attempts should be made to combine them into one or two good and efficient hostels.

The attention of the Director of Harijan Welfare is invited to rule 7 in G.O. Ms. No. 417, Firka Development, dated 11th May 1950. They have no objection to the amalgamation of the subsidized hostels in suitable cases.

Proposal (5).—That hostels with uneconomic strength of less than twenty boarders may be abolished and the boarders admitted into other hostels.

The Government consider that no change in the minimum strength of boarders fixed in rule 4 in G.O. Ms. No. 417, Firka Development, dated 11th May 1950, is called for.

Proposal (6).—That no manager including undivided members of his family should be allowed to run more than one hostel.

The proposal is accepted.

Proposal (7).—That the strength of each hostel should be fixed beforehand with reference to the accommodation available, no admission beyond it being allowed; that any shifting of the hostel to a new building should have the prior approval of the Collector; that additional grants should not be sanctioned for any hostel which does not have sufficient accommodation.

The proposals are accepted.

Proposal (8).—That the Collectors may be empowered to nominate half and two-thirds of the members of the Committees of management in the case of hostels managed by Harijan Sevak Sanghs and others respectively, instead of one-third and half as laid down at present.

The proposal is approved.

Proposal (9).—That the rule requiring the Collectors to nominate at least one member of the Panchayat Board or the Municipal Council to the Managing Committees of the hostels may be deleted.

The proposal is accepted.

Proposal (10).—That in addition to the non-official members to be nominated by the Collector to the managing committees of the hostels, at least two of the local officers like the Medical Officer, Headmaster of one of the local schools, Deputy Inspector of Schools, Sub Registrar, Registration Department, Tahsildar or Deputy Tahsildar, Sub-Inspector or Inspector of Police may be made ex-officio members of the Committees where ever such officers are available.

The Government consider that the Headmaster of the local institution should be nominated as an ex-officio member besides two members from the local Government officials. In addition, the local Health Officer or the Regional Nutrition Officer where one is available, should also be included on the managing Committees of the hostels. The Director of Harijan Welfare is however informed that it is not necessary to nominate either the Sub-Inspector or the Circle Inspector of the Police Department on the Committees.

Proposal (11).—That a quorum of 3 members may be fixed for a meeting and that a non-official who absents for three consecutive meetings without previously obtaining the permission of the District Welfare Officer for valid and unavoidable reasons should cease to be a member.

The suggestion is accepted. The Government however consider that it is not necessary for a non official member to obtain the previous permission of the District Welfare Officer, for absenting himself but that it would be sufficient if he intimates his inability to attend the meeting. If he absents for three consecutive meetings without such intimation at least, he will cease to be a member.

Proposal (12).—That the managing Committee should be required to meet at least once in a month instead of thrice a year as at present and approve the accounts and other items of work carried out by the Secretary or correspondent since the previous meeting.

The proposal is accepted.

Proposal (13).—That the entire boarding grants drawn by the hostels should be first paid into the nearest post office under Savings Bank Account or into a recognized Bank and the amount required for expenditure drawn every week or fortnight according to the needs.

The proposal is accepted. The Director of Harijan Welfare is informed that the Secretary, Correspondent or Treasurer should not have more than Rs. 100 on hand at any time for a longer duration than a week.

Proposal (14).—That in all the subsidized hostels where the strength is less than 50, the Headmaster of the local High School or Higher Elementary School or one of the Senior Assistants may be made an Honorary Warden with an Honorarium of Rs. 20 per mensem and where the strength of the hostel exceeds 50 boarders, a paid wholetime Warden-cum-Tutor with a B.Ed. or B.A. qualification on Rs. 85—175 should be appointed, 50 per cent subsidy being sanctioned by the Government on this account.

The proposals of the Director of Harijan Welfare are not accepted. He is informed that if necessary he may come up to Government with proposals for payment of subsidy to the hostels for appointment of Wardens on Rs. 85—175 as a Part II Scheme for 1954—55. The Government, however, have no objection to the appointment of Headmasters and School Assistants as Wardens on purely Honorary basis for the present.

*Proposal (15).—*That the existing rule 20 of the Rules for the recognition and management of hostels subsidized by the Government may be brought to the notice of all Government Officers residing in the places where there are subsidized hostels and also of touring officers in the Districts by the Collectors concerned and that they may be asked to subject these hostels to surprise inspections as frequently as possible; that the managements may be required to exhibit on the front page of the visitor's book extracts of important rules with reference to which the visiting officers have to offer their remarks and also to get the pages of the visitor's book machine-numbered.

*Proposal (16).—*With a view to prevent the hostel managers sending away the boarders to their native villages on Saturdays and Sundays which are school holidays such absence should be treated as casual leave as contemplated under Rule 25.

Both the proposals are accepted. The Director is requested to issue necessary instructions to the Collectors in the matter.

*Proposal (17).—*That the boarding grants should be sanctioned in the names of the specified boarders; that if there is any change during the course of the year owing to the stopping away or dismissal of any boarder such change should be got approved by the Collector within a month of occurrence of the event, failing which, the grant intended for that boarder will be forfeited.

The Government consider that there may be some difficulty if boarding grant is to be sanctioned to each student by name. They therefore direct that boarding grants may be given as a lump-sum grant on submission of a list of specified boarders. The other proposals are accepted.

*Proposal (18).—*That the names of all boarders on whose behalf the grants are drawn and in respect of whom other grants like orphan grants, etc., from the Education department are drawn should be written in English and in vernacular and exhibited in a prominent place in the hostel and made available for information and inspection of visitors.

The suggestion is approved.

2. The Director of Harijan Welfare is requested to issue necessary instructions to the Collectors and the Managements of all the hostels in the matter. He is also requested to suggest suitable amendments to G.O. Ms. No. 417, Firka Development, dated 11th May 1950, in due course.

(By order of the Governor)

T. K. SANKARAVADIVELU,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Harijan Welfare, Madras.
.. all Collectors except the Collector of Madras.
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Forwarded to the *Mysore State*.

(By order)

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